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## 1986 ATLANTIC SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN

The 1986 Atlantic Salmon Management Plan is divided into major components. This permits easier reference to the appropriate measures applicable in each geographic region and Atlantic Salmon Management zones.

The News release of the plan is contained in the first section. The second section includes the principles which have been adopted, after consultation with all parties involved, for the management of the salmon fishery. The next section presents the major elements contained in the 1986 Atlantic Salmon Management Plan followed by the general policies and measures regarding licensing, tagging, gear, enforcement, habitat and enhancement in Gulf, Scotia-Fundy, and Newfoundland regions. Specific management initiatives and guidelines for particular salmon management zones are also included.







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# News Release Communiqué

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## THE 1986 ATLANTIC SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN - RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

HALIFAX - The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the Honourable Tom Siddon, today announced the major components of the 1986 Atlantic Salmon Management Plan. The 1986 plan emphasizes conservation and restoration of the Atlantic Salmon stocks and builds upon the five-year conservation program introduced in 1984.

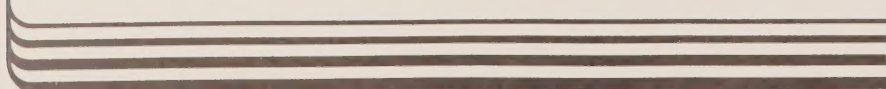
"I have taken great pains to be fair in spreading the burden of necessary conservation efforts among all user groups," the Minister said when he announced the plan.

The 1986 plan maintains the closure of the commercial fishery in the Maritime provinces that was implemented in 1985. And in Newfoundland and Labrador waters, the commercial salmon fishery will be further curtailed. The 1986 commercial season will open on June 5 and closing dates vary according to zone, with the last closure date being October 15, 1986. Mandatory tagging will be introduced for the first time in all areas of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The federal government will also introduce a voluntary commercial licence buy-back program in conjunction with the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Federal and provincial officials will elaborate on the terms of the buy-back program with fishermen's representatives in the Maritimes over the coming weeks.

"The biological data simply do not support a re-opening of the commercial fishery in the Maritimes at this time," Mr. Siddon said. "Our limited financial resources can be devoted more effectively to the conservation of Atlantic salmon stocks through a licence buy-back program than through continued ad-hoc annual compensation schemes."

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"I am, however, very sympathetic to the plight of the displaced commercial fishermen, and will therefore be discussing a number of options with my cabinet colleagues," the Minister said. "Included among options would be the direct participation by these commercial fishermen, together with all other user groups, in a coherent long-term program for Atlantic salmon enhancement."

The 1986 plan maintains the 1985 recreational salmon fishery seasons in the Maritime provinces as well as in Newfoundland and Labrador, allowing for minor adjustments at the local level, but conservation and enforcement measures will be strictly applied. Anglers will not be permitted to keep large salmon. "Repeat spawners provide a significant proportion of egg production each year, and must therefore be offered the best chance to survive," Mr. Siddon said.

The two-grilse-a-day restriction will continue to apply, while under the hook-and-release program anglers will again this year be encouraged to use barbless hooks and to improve catch and release methods. Mr. Siddon added that he will be seeking the cooperation of his provincial counterparts to prohibit the use of barbed hooks in future years.

The Minister also announced that the Atlantic Salmon Federation has agreed to support an angling licence surcharge to contribute to the rehabilitation and conservation of the salmon stocks. A similar surcharge has been in effect in Quebec since 1984. "I am pleased that recreational interests have recognized the important benefits of conservation measures and have committed their strong support to the surcharge idea," he said.

The mandatory tagging of salmon caught in Quebec and the Maritime provinces has promoted conservation by facilitating the enforcement of catch limits. The tagging program will therefore be extended to the Newfoundland and Labrador commercial fishery in 1986, and Mr. Siddon stated that he will be seeking agreement with the provincial government to introduce tagging in the Newfoundland and Labrador recreational fishery in 1987.

A seasonal bag limit will also be introduced in the Newfoundland and Labrador recreational fishery for the first time in 1986. Bag limits under federal jurisdiction will remain unchanged in the other provinces.

Mr. Siddon also noted that the success of the Canadian plan depends upon vigorous support on the international front. "You can be sure we will not allow foreign fishing interests to siphon off the benefits of the Canadian conservation program," the Minister said. "I intend to make personal representations to both the United States and Greenland, seeking their assurance that our efforts will not be negated by over-fishing in international waters. We will be watching the 1986 salmon fishery very closely to ensure that the sacrifices made by Canadian fishermen are not offset by increased fishing effort outside Canadian waters.

Further details of the 1986 Atlantic Salmon Management Plan will be available in the near future from the regional offices of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

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## 1986 ATLANTIC SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN

The 1986 Atlantic Salmon Management Plan is guided by the principles adopted by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans through consultations with the Atlantic Salmon Advisory Board. It incorporates the three Regional Atlantic Salmon Management Plans which are developed in consultation with Regional Zone Management Advisory Committees. In addition, representations from interested associations and organizations were taken into consideration.

### Principles

1. Conservation of Atlantic salmon stocks, particularly the large salmon component.
2. Access to all Atlantic salmon stocks will be regulated by all or a combination of the following: seasons, quotas, gear and licensing restrictions.
3. Allocation of Atlantic salmon stocks will be made by Management Zones and/or river system and according to interests and/or dependence of user groups and that of industries and communities deriving benefit from the harvestable resource.
4. Interception of migrating salmon in mixed-stock fisheries will be minimized where practical and feasible, by adjusting seasons, gear and area of fishing.
5. Recreational fishing opportunities and benefits will be maximized within the constraints of allowable catch.
6. Harvesting of salmon by commercial fishing gear not licensed for salmon will be minimized by adjusting seasons, gear and area of fishing, and the retention of salmon caught under these circumstances will be illegal.
7. Atlantic salmon enhancement plans will be developed in concert with Atlantic Salmon Management Plans.
8. Atlantic salmon habitat will be protected and improved to allow for maximum stock production.

9. The practice of tagging salmon catches will be encouraged and expanded.
10. The social and cultural importance of fishing to Indian communities will be recognized where they have traditionally harvested the resource.

## 1986 ATLANTIC SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN

### Major Elements

1. The opening of the 1986 commercial fishing seasons for the province of Newfoundland and Labrador will remain as in 1985. However the fall fishery will be closed earlier on October 15. The fishing seasons will be:  
  
Zones 1-2 (Labrador), 3-10, 11 (east), 14:  
June 5/October 15  
  
Zone 13 and that portion of Zone 11 lying between Pass Island and Fox Point: June 5/July 10  
  
Zone 12 and that portion of Zone 11 lying between Fox Point to Cinq Cerf Bay: Closed  
  
Only full-time fishermen will be eligible to hold salmon licences. In the future, fishermen who may be down-graded to the part-time categorization will have to regain their full-time categorization within two years in order to retain their eligibility to their salmon licence.  
  
All other existing regulations and weekend closures will apply.
2. The commercial salmon fisheries in the Maritime Provinces will remain closed.
3. A voluntary Salmon Licence Buyback Program will be offered in the Maritime Provinces in 1986. The payment formula will be developed and worked out through consultations with commercial salmon fishermen representatives and provincial governments.
4. There will be no new commercial salmon fishing licences issued on an Atlantic-wide basis.
5. Transfers of commercial fishing licences will be allowed in the Maritime Provinces and in Newfoundland and Labrador among immediate family members on the condition that the recipients are full-time fishermen.
6. Only the retention of grilse will be permitted in the recreational fisheries for the provinces of New Brunswick, PEI, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland (excluding Labrador). All multi-sea winter salmon (63 cm and greater in length) hooked by anglers will be required to be released immediately with the least

possible harm to the fish. The Province of Quebec will maintain this restriction for the bordering rivers within the Restigouche system as in 1984 and 1985.

7. Recreational fishing seasons in all Atlantic Provinces will remain as in 1985, subject to adjustment due to local conditions.
8. The seasonal bag limits along with the possession and daily limits in Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick will be maintained at 10, 6 and 2 respectively which will be required to be grilse. In P.E.I., the bag limits will remain at 5, 1, 1. A 15-fish seasonal bag limit will be introduced in the Newfoundland and Labrador recreational fishery in 1986. The daily and seasonal salmon bag limits do not include any salmon that are hooked and subsequently released. However, on a daily basis, fishermen must stop fishing for salmon once they have retained the daily limit or have released a maximum number of fishes equal to twice the daily limit.
9. During 1986, the tagging systems will be maintained in all the Maritime Provinces. A full scale commercial tagging program will be extended to Newfoundland and Labrador in 1986. For 1986, all salmon exported from Newfoundland and Labrador to other eastern provinces will have to be tagged before leaving the province.
10. It will be illegal to retain, or be in possession of, salmon captured incidentally in non-salmon commercial gear. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans will review its priorities for inland and coastal enforcement to restrain any increase in poaching activity and to monitor other commercial fisheries which may be susceptible to incidental catches of Atlantic salmon. Innovative low cost and efficient enforcement activities will be considered and encouraged. Interest groups will be asked to assist enforcement personnel in this regard.
11. Negotiations will continue with native groups to review existing fishing quotas and establish such quotas where none exist, ensure the enforcement of regulations, and encourage the use of trap nets. Indian Bands will be asked to participate in conservation efforts. Where possible, alternatives to salmon fishing will be considered. In New Brunswick, the Indian Bands who participated in a food fishery in 1985 will be offered the opportunity



to change fishing gear to trapnets where feasible. Indian fisheries development projects will also be considered under the N.B. ERDA where these projects are deemed to be economically viable and directly contribute to conservation of fish stocks.

12. Development of programs to expand efforts in the enhancement of the Atlantic salmon resource will be continued and implemented as funding becomes available. Provincial governments and user/interest groups benefiting from enhancement activities will be asked and encouraged to provide additional funds.
13. Recreational interests have committed to the implementation of a surcharge to be imposed on licences which will create a fund to carry out Atlantic Salmon rehabilitation and conservation activities.
14. The Department of Fisheries and Oceans will maintain its commitment to continue negotiations within NASCO. Specifically, Canada along with the USA will work to achieve a reduction in the catches of North American salmon below present levels and will resist any attempts to increase the catch of North American salmon above the present quota in West Greenland. Canada has advanced the closure date of the Newfoundland Labrador fishery to October 15. This initiative is consistent with Canada obligations under the North American Commission of NASCO.

## 1986 ATLANTIC SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN

### Regional Management Measures

#### A. LICENSING POLICIES

a) Scotia-Fundy and Gulf Regions (excluding Western Newfoundland and Labrador) -- Zones 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23.

1. Commercial salmon fishermen will not be required to renew their licences in 1986. Commercial salmon fishermen will be offered a voluntary buy-back program that will be established in consultation with fishermen and the provinces.
2. Transfer of licences to another individual will not be permitted in 1986, except between immediate family members who are bona-fide or full-time fishermen. For purposes of this policy, immediate family members are husband/father, wife/mother, son/daughter and brother/sister.
3. Licences are not available for new entrants in this fishery.
4. Licences are only valid for the Management Zone specified.

b) Newfoundland Region and Western Newfoundland and Labrador Portion of Gulf Region -- Zones 1-14

1. In 1986, licences may be issued to those persons who, in 1985:
  - a) held commercial fishing licences; and
  - b) personally operated their specified commercial salmon fishing gear; and
  - c) were not employed full-time outside the commercial fishery or other primary industries for more than nine months annually; and
  - d) were and still are full-time residents of the Salmon Management Zone in which they fished unless otherwise specified.

Note: Participation in the 1986 salmon fishery will not be a prerequisite to be eligible for a salmon licence in 1987. However, all fishermen will be required to renew their salmon fishing licences and meet the criteria outlined in c) and d) above.

2. Licences are only valid for the Fishing Area specified.
3. Transfer of licences to another individual will not be permitted in 1986, except between immediate family members who are full-time fishermen. For purposes of this policy, immediate family members are husband/father, wife/mother, son/daughter and brother/sister.
4. Fishing effort limits for full-time fishermen will remain at 200 fathoms per licence in 1986.
5. Licences are not available for new entrants in this fishery in 1986.
6. On application, the holder of a set-net licence (fixed gillnet, trap net) may be permitted to move his gear to a new location provided it can be shown that circumstances have arisen which render the current location useless (i.e., wharf construction, dredging) and provided further that the new location will not adversely affect the fishery and/or salmon fishing set-net licences presently located in the area.

**B. MEASURES TO PREVENT ATLANTIC SALMON BY-CATCH IN NON-SALMON COMMERCIAL GEAR**

In all Atlantic provinces, it will be illegal to retain or be in possession of Atlantic Salmon caught by non-salmon commercial gear.

a) Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

1. Non-salmon commercial fishing gear includes all traps, weirs and gillnets used to fish for all finfish species.

2. All salmon caught incidentally in the above gear must be released immediately to the water.
3. In areas where the by-catch of salmon is significant, the commercial gear shall be re-located voluntarily and/or as instructed by a fishery officer.

b) Province of Newfoundland and Labrador

1. As in 1985, the incidental catch of salmon in traps and nets will be minimized by seasonal and area variations as required.
2. In cod traps, the seven inch (178 mm) mesh size for leaders and the prohibition of the use of monofilament will be strictly enforced. The top portion of groundfish gillnets has to be at least 5m underneath the surface of the water.

c. RECREATIONAL FISHERY

1. Size restrictions -- For the recreational fisheries Atlantic-wide (excluding Labrador and most of Quebec), the retention of multi-sea winter salmon will be prohibited (salmon 63 cm or greater in length). However, anglers will be permitted to hook and release multi-sea winter salmon.

Regions will continue media programs in cooperation with anglers' associations to ensure anglers are aware of proper release methods in order to ensure that the fish are released with the least possible harm. The use of barbless hook is recommended.

2. Bag limits -- In 1986, the bag limits will be:

	N.B.	N.S.	P.E.I.	Nfld. and Labrador*
Season	10	10	5	15
Possession	6	6	1	2-day limit
Daily	2	2	1	2

\*In Labrador, anglers are allowed to retain large MSW salmon.



The daily and seasonal salmon bag limits do not include any salmon that are hooked and subsequently released. However, on a daily basis, fishermen must stop fishing for salmon once they have retained the daily limit or have released a maximum number of fish equal to twice the daily limit.

Bag limits which were previously restricted to lower levels because of specific conditions will be maintained as such.

Anglers exhausting these daily or seasonal limits will not be permitted to fish for Atlantic salmon for the remaining portion of the period associated with the limit reached.

3. Black salmon fishery -- The grilse only restriction will apply again in 1986. The season will remain April 15 to May 15 in New Brunswick.
4. Season -- Recreational fishing seasons in all Atlantic Provinces will remain as in 1985, subject to adjustment due to local conditions.

#### D. TAGGING PROGRAM

During 1986, the tagging systems will be maintained in all the Maritime Provinces. A full scale commercial tagging program will be extended to Newfoundland and Labrador in 1986. For 1986, all salmon exported from Newfoundland and Labrador to other eastern provinces will have to be tagged before leaving the province.

Where applicable, all salmon caught by licensed salmon fishermen will be tagged by applying a self-locking, tamper-proof plastic tag through the mouth and gill cavity of the fish. Each tag number will be recorded with the licence number issued to the fisherman for immediate identification of all legally harvested salmon.

The tags will be colour coded for each fishery. **Blue tags** will be used for the licensed recreational salmon fishery; **red tags** for the licensed commercial salmon fishery; and **orange tags** (yellow in Quebec) for the licensed Indian food fishery. **Brown tags** (green in Quebec) must be applied to fish caught for scientific-research purposes and for fish farming operations. A **green tag** (white in Quebec) will be used for Atlantic salmon imported into New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island from areas outside these provinces. A green export tag will be applied

to salmon being exported from the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and which are not yet tagged. A **yellow tag** issued by Parks Canada will be used for salmon captured in waters within national parks.

#### **E. ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Where feasible in 1986, emphasis will be placed on protection and conservation of Atlantic salmon in both the marine and freshwater environment. Particular attention will be directed to the following:

1. commercial salmon log record reporting (where applicable);
2. salmon by-catch restrictions;
3. poaching activity in inland waters;
4. fish habitat protection;
5. salmon tagging requirements;
6. strict observance of closed times and closed areas.

In the Western Newfoundland portion of the Gulf Region, the "Dial-a-Poacher" program will be continued in 1986. A toll-free number (ZENITH-07057) has been established, and phones will be manned twenty-four hours a day.

The Newfoundland Region is also continuing its "Report-a-Poacher". Individuals can report suspected illegal fishing activity by dialing the 24-hour manned toll free number (1-800-563-7277).

#### **F. RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT**

In 1986, enhancement projects will be maintained with the objective of expanding and increasing efficiency where possible. The Department will continue to investigate enhancement potential and upgrade fish ways.

There will be no new major enhancement projects undertaken in the Maritime Provinces and in Newfoundland. However, many regional and community enhancement projects will commence in 1986 such as constructions of incubation boxes, stream clearance, investigation of enhancement potential and upgrading of fishway facilities.

**G. INTERCEPTION**

Measures previously introduced to reduce the interception of mainland salmon will be maintained in 1986.

**H. NATIVE FISHERY**

Negotiations will be continued with Native groups to ensure their cooperation on conservation initiatives. Wherever possible, they will be encouraged to modify their fishing methods from gillnets to trapnets from which large salmon could be released. In New Brunswick, Native groups will be offered financial assistance to replace existing salmon gear with trapnets under federal funding from the New Brunswick ERDA. Their fishery will remain a food fishery only. Native Bands will be encouraged to identify alternative development opportunities to replace or reduce the salmon component within their food fishery requirements.

An Atlantic Native Food Fishery Allocation Policy will be drafted for public consultation with all user groups and provincial governments.

**I. SURCHARGE ON RECREATIONAL FISHING PRIVILEGES**

In 1986 negotiations will resume with all Atlantic Provincial Governments for the purpose of establishing and administering a fund that could be used to finance Atlantic salmon related projects such as enhancement programs, surveys and enforcement activities. This fund could be established by an ongoing surcharge on recreational fishing privileges administered by the provinces.

**J. COMMERCIAL SALMON LICENCE BUYBACK PROGRAM**

In 1986 the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has introduced a voluntary buy-back program for commercial salmon fishermen in the Maritime provinces. Terms and conditions of this program will be established in consultation with representatives of commercial fishermen and provincial governments.

MANAGEMENT ZONES  
ZONE 15 - RESTIGOUCHE RIVER SYSTEM

Commercial Fishery

<u>Gear</u>	<u>Season</u>
Trap nets	
- New Brunswick	- Closed
- Quebec	- No commercial fishery

1. Licensing

The Gulf Region Licensing Policy will apply.

2. By-catch

Further to imposing the restriction of no salmon by-catch throughout the Atlantic, regulations to eliminate this by-catch in non-salmon commercial gear will apply in Zone 1:

- a) No person shall set or use any gillnet in those waters of the Chaleur Bay that are closed to gillnetting of any kind between June 8 to December 31 in any year.
- b) Groundfish gillnets bait permits will be issued for 1986 in the waters of Bay of Chaleur, on a controlled basis only.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse Only)

Season bag limit - 10 fish

Possession limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Seasons

<u>River</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
<u>Bright Salmon</u>	
Rivers in Zone 1 tributary to the Bay of Chaleurs with the following exceptions:	June 8 - Sept. 30
Benjamin	July 1 - October 15
Caraquet	July 1 - October 15
Charlo	July 1 - October 15
Jacket	July 1 - October 15



<u>River</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
Nepisiguit	June 8 - October 7
Pokemouche	July 1 - October 15
Restigouche System	June 1 - August 31
Tetagouche	July 1 - October 15
Tracadie	July 1 - October 15
Middle River (Gloucester County)	July 1 - October 15

### Indian Fishery

In Zone 15, the following Indian bands will be authorized to conduct a food fishery under authority of a special licence:

#### Eel River Bar Indian Band

The terms and conditions of the special licence are subject to negotiation between the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Band Chief and Council. Negotiations are underway to redirect the salmon food-fishery from gillnets to trapnets.

### ZONE 16 - MIRAMICHI RIVER

#### Commercial Fishery

<u>Gear</u>	<u>Season</u>
Trap Nets	Closed
Drift Nets	Closed

#### 1. Licensing

The Gulf Region Licensing Policy will apply.

#### 2. By-catch

General measures to eliminate Atlantic salmon by-catch in non-salmon commercial gear will apply. The following measures will also apply in Zone 16:

- a) An area closure to groundfish gillnetting will apply to Canadian fisheries waters off the coast of New Brunswick west of a line beginning at Pointe à Barreau, Northumberland County, at 47°26'00"N latitude, 64°53'1"W longitude, thence to a point at 47°04'24"N latitude, 64°21'45"W

longitude, thence to a point on the shoreline of Kent County at 47°00'48"N latitude, 64°49'40" longitude.

- b) An area closure to gillnetting of any kind will apply to those waters of the Miramichi Bay lying to the west of a line drawn from the lighthouse on Escuminac Point to a point at Pointe à Barreau at latitude 47°26'00"N. and longitude 64°53'12"W.
- c) Groundfish gillnet bait permits will not be issued in 1986 for a bait fishery in the waters of the Miramichi Bay.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse Only)

Season bag limit - 10 fish

Possession limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Seasons

<u>River</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
<u>Black Salmon</u>	
Miramichi	April 15 - May 15
<u>Bright Salmon</u>	
Miramichi System, with the following exceptions:P	June 8 - Sept. 30
Bartholomew	Closed
Bartibog	July 1 - October 29
Buctouche	July 1 - October 15
Cains	July 1 - October 15
Cocagne	July 1 - October 15
Dungarvin	
(above Underwood Brook)	June 8 - Sept. 15
Little Southwest Miramichi	
(above Catamaran Brook)	June 8 - Sept. 15
Main Southwest Miramichi	
(above McKeil Brook)	June 8 - Sept. 15
Northwest Miramichi	
(above Little river)	June 8 - August 31

Renous	
(above North Renous)	June 8 - Sept. 15
Rocky Brook	June 1 - August 31
Sevogle	
(above Square Forks)	June 8 - Sept. 15
Tabusintac	July 1 - October 26
Eel River	July 1 - October 15
Other tributaries of Main Southwest	
Miramichi (above Cains River-	June 8 - Sept. 15
Except Rocky Brook)	

#### Indian Fishery

In Zone 16, the following Indian bands will be authorized to conduct a food fishery under authority of a special licence:

- 1) Red Bank Indian Band
- 2) Big Cove Indian Band
- 3) Burnt Church Indian Band
- 4) Eel Ground Indian Band

The terms and conditions of the special licence are subject to negotiations between the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Band Chiefs and Councils. Negotiations are underway to redirect the food-fishery from gillnets to trapnets.

### ZONE 17 - PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

#### Commercial Fishery

<u>Fishery</u>	<u>Season</u>
St. Peters' Bay	Closed
Morrell river Stocks (Northeast shore)	Closed

#### 1. Licencing

The Gulf Region Licensing Policy will apply.

#### Recreational Fishery (Grilse only)

Season bag limit - 5 fish

Possession limit - 1 fish

Daily bag limit - 1 fish

Season

<u>River</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
All PEI Rivers	July 1 - Sept. 30
All PEI Rivers (Hook and Release only)	Oct. 1 - Oct. 31

ZONE 18 - NORTHUMBERLAND

Commercial Fishery

<u>Waters</u>	<u>Season</u>
All waters within Zone 18, Gulf shore of Nova Scotia	Closed

1. Licensing

The Gulf Region Licensing Policy will apply.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse only)

Season bag limit - 10 fish

Possession limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Season

<u>River</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
All waters of Salmon Management Zone 18 with the exception of the following:	Sept. 1 - Oct. 29
Margaree River (downstream from the Big Interval Bridge)	June 1 - Oct. 15
Margaree River (upstream from the Big Interval Bridge)	Closed all year

ZONE 19 - CAPE BRETON EAST

Commercial Fishery

<u>Waters</u>	<u>Season</u>
All coastal waters	Closed

1. Licensing

The Scotia-Fundy Region Licensing Policy will apply.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse only)

Season bag limit - 10 fish

Possession limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Season

Rivers

Opening/Closing Dates

All the waters of any rivers and tributaries which flow into the Atlantic Ocean bounded by Cape Breton and Richmond Counties and that portion of Victoria County south of cape North, with the exception of the following:

July 1 - Sept. 30

North River

June 1 - Sept. 30

Indian Food Fishery

Wagmatcook Reserve

Food fishery to be conducted as outlined in a licence issued pursuant to Section 6(1) of the Nova Scotia Fishery Regulations under the Fisheries Act. The allocation will not exceed 100 fish.

ZONE 20 - EASTERN SHORE

Commercial Fishery

Waters

Season

All coastal waters of Guysborough County and that portion of Halifax County east of the City of Halifax.

Closed

1. Licensing

The Scotia-Fundy Region Licensing Policy will apply.



Recreational Fishery (Grilse only)

Season bag limit - 10 fish

Possession Limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Season

<u>River</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
All waters of Salmon Management Zone 20 with the exception of the following:	June 1 - August 29
All rivers and tributaries thereof that flow into that portion of Chedabucto Bay bounded by Guysborough County	June 24 - Sept. 22
Country Harbour River	June 14 - Sept. 22
St. Mary's River, downstream from a point 100 m upstream from Silver's Bridge and downstream from the highway bridge at Glenelg	May 18 - August 29
East River, St. Mary's upstream from a point 100 m upstream of Silver's Bridge	May 18 - August 14

ZONE 21 - SOUTHWEST NOVA SCOTIA

Commercial Fishery

<u>Waters</u>	<u>Season</u>
All coastal waters of Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne, Yarmouth and Digby Counties and that portion of Halifax County west of the city of Halifax.	Closed

1. Licensing

The Scotia-Fundy Region Licensing Policy will apply.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse only)

Season bag limit - 10 fish

Possession limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish, with the exception of Lahave River and Petite Rivière, where a daily catch and retention limit of 1 grilse per day will apply.

Season

Rivers

Opening/Closing Dates

All the waters of the rivers and tributaries which flow into that portion of the Atlantic Ocean bounded by Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne, Yarmouth and Digby Counties and that portion of Halifax County west of the city of Halifax with the following exceptions:

Gold River  
Ingram River  
Lahave River, except upstream from Morgan Falls

May 10 - August 15

June 1 - August 15

June 1 - August 15

June 1 - August 15

Lahave River upstream from Morgan Falls

Closed all year

Medway River

May 10 - July 31

Mushamush River

June 1 - August 15

Petite Rivière

July 1 - July 31

Salmon River

July 1 - August 15

Tusket River

July 1 - August 15

ZONE 22 - UPPER BAY OF FUNDY

Commercial Fishery

Waters

Season

All coastal waters of Annapolis, Kings, Hants, Colchester and Cumberland Counties which border on the Bay of Fundy

Closed

1. Licensing

The Scotia-Fundy Region Licensing Policy will apply.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse only)

Season bag limit - 10 fish

Possession limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Season

Rivers

Opening/Closing Dates

All the waters of any rivers and tributaries which flow into that portion of the Bay of Fundy bounded by Annapolis, Kings, Hants, Colchester and Cumberland Counties with the following exceptions:

Annapolis River

May 1 - July 31

Gaspereau River

May 1 - July 31

Stewiacke River

August 1 - Oct. 31

ZONE 23 - SOUTH WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

Commercial Fishery

Fishery

Season

Saint John

Closed

Petitcodiac

Closed

1. Licensing

The Scotia-Fundy Region Licensing Policy will apply.

Recreational Fishery (Grilse only)

Season bag limit - 10 fish

Possession limit - 6 fish

Daily bag limit - 2 fish

Seasons

<u>River</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
<u>Black Salmon</u>	April 15 - May 15
<u>Bright Salmon</u>	
Waters tributary to the Bay of Fundy with the following exceptions:	June 15 - Oct. 15
Big Salmon River - upstream of and including Walton Dam Pool	June 15 - Sept. 15
Big Salmon River - downstream from Walton Dam Pool	June 8 - Oct. 22
Hammond River - below French Village Bridge Pool	June 15 - Oct. 31
Hammond River - upstream from French Village Bridge Pool	June 15 - Oct. 15
Kennebecasis River	June 15 - Oct. 31
Nashwaak River - upstream from the Bridge at Stanley	June 15 - Sept. 30
Nashwaak River - downstream from the Bridge at Stanley	June 15 - Oct. 15
St. John River - upstream from the Grafton Bridge at Woodstock	June 15 - Sept. 30
St. John River - downstream from the Grafton Bridge at Woodstock	June 1 - Oct. 15
Peticodiac River System	Aug. 15 - Oct. 15
Point Wolfe River	Closed all year
St. Croix River	June 15 - Sept. 15
Tobique River	June 15 - Sept. 15

Indian Fishery

Kingsclear Reserve

Food fishery to be conducted as outlined in Section 6.2 of the New Brunswick Fishery Regulations under the Fisheries Act.

NEWFOUNDLAND COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY

ZONE 1 - Cape Chidley to Cape Rouge

1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15

2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 2 - Cape Rouge to Cape Charles

1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15

2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 3 - Cape Charles to Cape Bauld to cape John, excluding Straits

1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15

2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 4 - Cape John to Cape Freels

1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15

2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 5 - Cape Freels to Cape Bonavista

1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15

2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 6 - Cape Bonavista to Grates Cove

1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15

2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.



ZONE 7 - Grates Cove to Cape St. Francis

- 1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15
- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 8 - Cape St. Francis to Cape Race

- 1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15
- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 9 - Cape Race to Cape St. Mary's

- 1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15
- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 10 - Cape St. Mary's to Point Crewe

- 1) Season June 5 - Oct. 15
- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 11 - Point Crewe to Cinq Cerf Bay

- 1) Season
  - Point Crewe to Pass Island June 5 - Oct. 15
  - Pass Island to Cape Fox June 5 - July 10
  - Cape Fox to Cinq Cerf Bay Closed

- 2) Licensing

The Newfoundland Region Licensing Policy applies.

ZONE 12 - Cinq Cerf Bay to Cape Ray

- 1) Season Closed
- 2) Licensing

No commercial salmon licenses will be issued.

ZONE 13 - Cape Ray to Cape St. Gregory

- 1) Season June 5 - July 10
- 2) Licensing

The Gulf Region Licensing Policy will apply.

ZONE 14 - Cape St. Gregory to Cape Charles, including Straits

- 1) Season June 12 - Oct. 15
- 2) Licensing

The Gulf Region Licensing Policy will apply.

## NEWFOUNDLAND RECREATIONAL SALMON FISHERY

With the exception of Labrador, anglers in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador will only be permitted to retain grilse. The larger multi-sea winter salmon (63cm and greater in length) must be released immediately with the least possible harm to the fish.

In 1986, DFO officials will be meeting provincial authorities to discuss licensing regimes geared towards specific river management. Negotiations will be undertaken to lay groundwork for expansion of the tagging program in Newfoundland in 1987.

Season bag limit - 15

Possession limit - 4 (two day limit)

Daily bag limit - 2

### Season

#### River

#### Opening/Closing Dates

##### Labrador

All waters of rivers and tributaries in Labrador with the exception of the following:

June 14 - Sept. 14

Pinware River

June 7 - Sept. 14

Forteau River

June 7 - Sept. 14

Lanse au Loup River

June 7 - Sept. 14

##### Newfoundland

Three sets of opening/closing dates have been set for most rivers in three respective areas of the island portion of the province:

(a) Cape Ray, north to and including Bonne Bay

June 7 - Sept. 1

(b) Cape Bauld to Cape Ray (east and south coasts)

June 14 - Sept. 7

(c) North of Bonne Bay to Cape Bauld

June 1 - Sept. 1

The following rivers are exceptions within these areas:

Northwest Brook, Grand Bay

June 1 - Sept. 1

Bear Cove River

June 1 - Sept. 1

Conne River

June 7 - Sept. 1

Garnish River

June 7 - Sept. 1

St. Genevieve River	June 1 - Sept. 1
Ten-Mile Lake and tributary streams	June 1 - Sept. 1
Round Lake and tributary streams	June 1 - Sept. 1
Lower Humber River	June 7 - Sept. 1
Upper Humber River (Deer Lake to Big Falls)	June 7 - Sept. 14
Portland Creek River and Tributary stream	June 1 - Sept. 4
Deer Arm River	June 1 - Sept. 1
Southeast River, Placentia	June 21 - Sept. 1
Northeast River, Placentia	June 21 - Sept. 1
Indian River	June 21 - Sept. 1
Exploits River	June 21 - Sept. 1
Terra Nova River	June 21 - Sept. 1
Little Salmonier River	June 21 - Sept. 1
West River, St. Barbe	June 21 - Sept. 1
Fox Island River	June 21 - Sept. 1
Watson's Brook	June 21 - Sept. 1
Little Codroy River	June 28 - Sept. 1
Harry's River	June 28 - Sept. 1
Little Barachois River	June 28 - Sept. 1
Torrent River and Tributaries	* - Sept. 1

\* Opening when 1000 salmon have passed upstream through the fishway.

<u>River</u>	<u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>
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The following rivers will not be open to anglers in 1985:

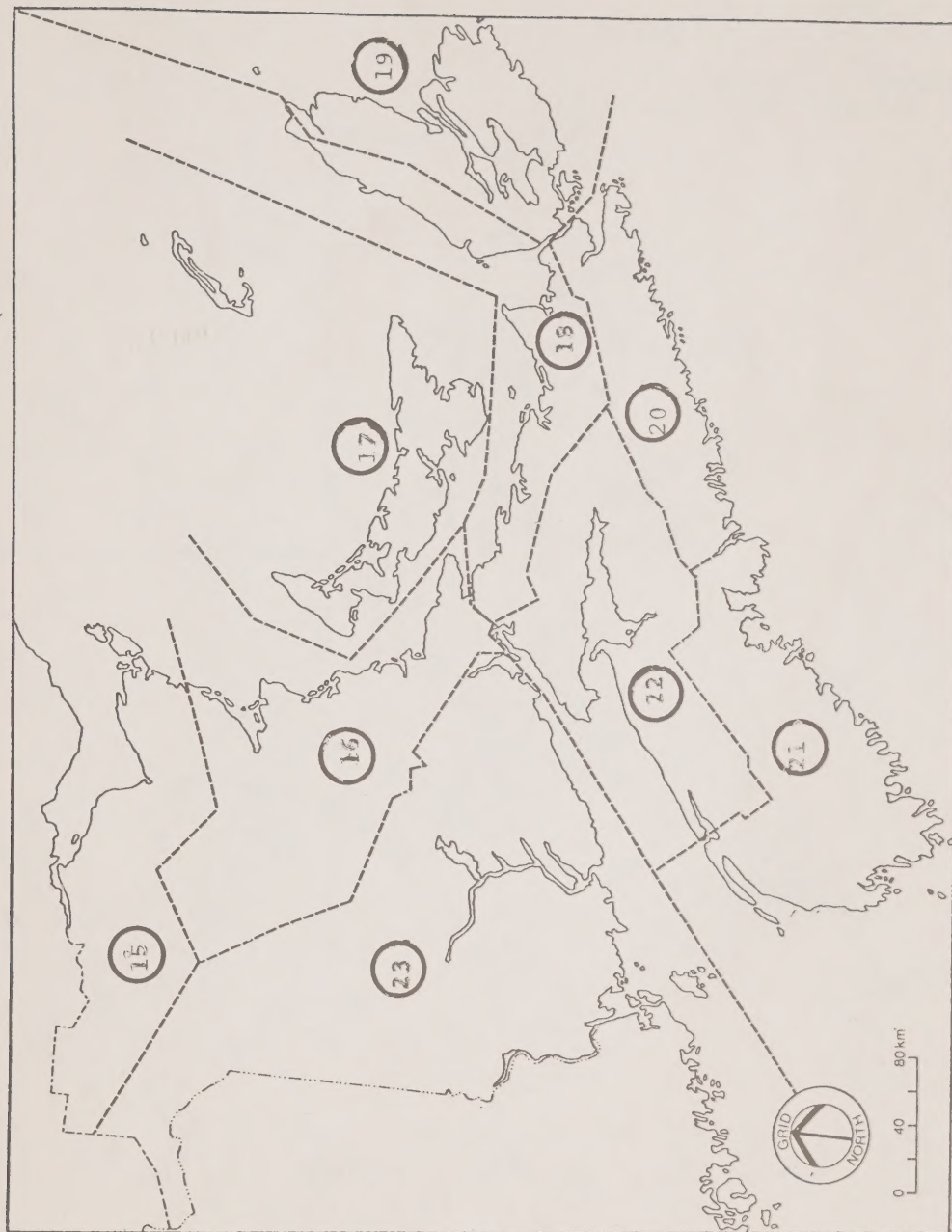
Colinet River	Closed all year
Tides Brook (Mortier Bay) and tributaries	Closed all year
Highlands River	Closed all year
Serpentine River and tributaries	Closed all year
Hughes Brook	Closed all year
Goose Arm River	Closed all year
Cook's Brook	Closed all year
Parker's River	Closed all year
Western Brook and tributaries	Closed all year

ANNEX 1  
MANAGEMENT ZONES

<u>ZONE</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>REGION</u>	<u>PREVIOUS NUMBER</u>
1 - Cape Chidley to Cape Rouge	Newfoundland	Newfoundland	1N
2 - Cape Rouge to Cape Charles	Newfoundland	Newfoundland	2N
3 - Cape Charles to Cape Bauld to Cape John, excluding Straits.	Newfoundland	Newfoundland	3N
4 - Cape John to Cape Freels	Newfoundland	Newfoundland	4N
5 - Cape Freels to Cape Bonavista	Newfoundland	Newfoundland	5N
6 - Cape Bonavista to Grates Cove	Newfoundland	Newfoundland	6N
7 - Grates Cove to Cape St. Francis	Newfoundland	Newfoundland	7N
8 - Cape St. Francis to Cape Race	Newfoundland	Newfoundland	8N
9 - Cape Race to Cape St. Mary's	Newfoundland	Newfoundland	9N
10 - Cape St. Mary's to Point Crewe	Newfoundland	Newfoundland	10N
11 - Point Crewe to Cinq Cerf Bay	Newfoundland	Newfoundland	11N
12 - Cinq Cerf Bay to Cape Ray	Newfoundland	Gulf	12G
13 - Cape Ray to Cape St. Gregory	Newfoundland	Gulf	13G
14 - Cape St. Gregory to Cape Charles, including Straits.	Newfoundland	Gulf	14G



<u>ZONE</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>REGION</u>	<u>PREVIOUS NUMBER</u>
15 - Restigouche	New Brunswick	Gulf	1
16 - Miramichi	New Brunswick	Gulf	2
17 - P.E.I.	P.E.I.	Gulf	4
18 - Northumberland	Nova Scotia	Gulf	6
19 - Cape Breton East	Nova Scotia	Scotia Fundy	5
20 - Eastern Shore	Nova Scotia	Scotia Fundy	7
21 - Southwest Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	Scotia Fundy	9
22 - Upper Bay of Fundy	Nova Scotia	Scotia Fundy	8
23 - Saint-John	New Brunswick	Scotia Fundy	3



MANAGEMENT ZONES FOR THE MARITIME PROVINCES  
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TERRE-NEUVE ET LE LABRADOR**

**MANAGEMENT ZONES FOR  
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

